



## Session Highlights

From the RYM 2026 Summer Camp Website:

*"In a world where we are constantly connected through technology, we find ourselves more isolated than ever. Our screens often keep us at a distance, offering a surface-level connection that leaves us craving deeper relationships. But Scripture reveals something radically different – a God who chose to come near. He didn't remain far off but became flesh and dwelt among us."*

Greetings Bethel Church family and friends!

The Session began this month with a joint Session/Diaconate meeting (we have joint leadership meetings quarterly here at Bethel PCA).

### Phase 2 Building Update:

Our Phase 2 Building project is underway now with all approvals completed. We will now see significant progress to include a project trailer, dumpster, fencing, and about as much disruption as you can imagine. The deacons will continue to communicate well in advance to avoid surprises as we continue to use all our facilities during the construction process. Please continue to pray for our Phase 2 Building project, especially for the workers on site that they may work safely, provide a quality project, and work quickly.

### Fellowship Presbytery highlights:

We will be hosting a Called meeting of Fellowship Presbytery here at Bethel PCA Saturday, August 16, 2025 for the purpose of considering the call by Bethel PCA to TE Mark Kozak as Assistant Pastor.

Please be in prayer for that work as we are very much looking forward to Mark joining us soon. The Session approved Mark to preach August 24 so we will see him in the pulpit on that date. Also, be in prayer for the Kozaks as they sell their home, move, and transition to a new church home.

### Other Session highlights:

The Session received reports from DN Ken Long, Deacon Treasurer and DN Ethan Wallace, Deacon Chairman. RE Dean McCarter and RE Neil Allen reported on their Elder Shepherding activity. Reports were also received from our Youth Ministry Intern Isak Siemens, Young Adult Ministry intern Matthew Clay, and our TE Chris Donnelly. These reports are comprehensive of the ministry work they have done the previous month.

The Session approved the recommendation from the Youth Committee that the Bethel PCA Youth Group attend RYM Colorado in the summer of 2026. This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to travel to the majestic Rocky Mountains of Colorado for a Reformed Youth Ministry summer camp. They will be exposed to great speakers gifted with Biblical teaching skills and enjoy fellowship, games, the mountains and wildlife. Please contact your shepherding elder for more information, if needed. More from RYM – "join us as we dive into the profound reality of a God who draws close, inviting us to know Him as Emmanuel "God with Us".

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to your shepherding elder if there are any questions, concerns, and most importantly any prayer requests.

Blessings!

Neil Allen—Clerk of Session

## this week

Sunday's sermon:

*Introducing Peter*

1 Peter 1:1-2

## volunteer schedule

### Infant Nursery

Meredith & Brenna Clinton  
and Jenifer Riddle

### Toddler Nursery

Abby Chidester and  
Cheri Jackson

### Worship Training

Johna Griesman and  
Cullie Mounts

## events

Kids' Quest  
8/17 at 5:00 pm

Youth  
8/17 at 5:00 pm

GriefShare "Loss of Spouse"  
8/18 at 6:30 pm

GriefShare  
8/19 at 6:30 pm